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Form BC 126  
June 1954

# 4379

# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 8-19-64

Call letters W A B D

Station location Fort Campbell, Ky.

Name of licensee J. SHELBY McCALLUM, GARY H. LATHAM AND E. T. BREATHITT, JR., d/b as  
FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location 500' East of U.S. 41A on State Line Rd. to Edgotea, Tenn. (BP 11-7-62)  
(BL- 8-19-64)

Main studio location Same as transmitter.



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-14117	11-7-62	1370kc	500w	Day	1-7 7-7-63
	CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l)				
BP-14117 (1)	1-11-63	Mod. of	CP(BP-14117) to assign Call Letters.		
BL-10,213  CONDL	8-19-64	1370kc	500w	Day	8-19 8-1-67
	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,117) which auth a new standard broadcast station; specify type trans. as Collins 20-T.				
BR-4379	7-18-67	Renewal of license.			8-1 8-1-70
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
Ltr. 3-4-68, rec'd 8-8-68 giving notification per Sect. 73.48(a)(5) Rules that a Collins 20V-3 trans. is now installed & in oper. (Eff:3-4-68)					
BP-18108	4-22-68	1370kc	500w	Day	12-22-68
	CP to inc. ant. height (add resistor) Cond'l.				
BL-12,078(L)	9-6-68	Lic. (BP-18,108) for chgs			8-1-70
BR-4379(S)	7-30-70	RENEWAL			8-1-73
EBSA	6-12-72				
BP-19,258	7-28-72	1370kc, 500w	Day		7-28-73
	CP to increase the ant. ht., make chgs. in ant. system.				
BL-13,335(L)	11-28-72	Lic(BP-19,258)for changes			8-1-73+
BR-4379(S)	7-31-73	RENEWAL			8-1-76
BZ-9097(1)	5-11-76	Direct Measurement			
BR-4379(L)	7-14-76	RENEWAL			8-1-79
BRC-3842(1)	3-7-77	ML of lic. to operate trans. by RC from SL			
BP-20374	8-28-78	1370khz	1kw	Day RC	8-28-79
	CP inc. power				
BL-78112OAG(L)	2-6-79	Lic. to cover BP-20374 for changes			8-1-79



## BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed .....

Call Letters ... WABD .....

Station Location FORT CAMPBELL, KY

Name J. SHELBY McCALLUM, GARY H. LATHAM AND E.T. BREATHITT, FR., d/b as FORT CAMPBELL  
-BROADCASTING COMPANY .....

Transmitter Location .....

Main studio location .....



### Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR790320UE(S)	7-18-79	Renewal of License	8-1-82



Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call

Letters ~~NEW~~-W A B D

J. SHELBY McCALLUM, GARY H. LATHAM AND E. T. BREATHITT, JR.

Name ~~d/b as~~ FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
(P.O. E. T. Breathitt, Jr., Circle Drive, Hopkinsville, Ky.)

FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14,117	4-30-60	Construction Permit for a new standard	GRANTED	11-7-62
Rec'd	5-4-60	broadcast station to be operated on:	Cond'l re: D-14419,	
Filed	5-4-60	Frequency - 1370kc	Sect. 3.87 of the Comm.	
		Power - 500w	Rules.	
		Hours of operation - Daytime	That station identifica-	
		Trans. location - 500' East of U. S. 41A on	tion must be made so as	
		State Line Road to Edgoten, Tenn.	to indicate clearly that	
		Studio location - Same as transmitter	the radio station is a	
		Eng.- Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	privately owned civilian	
			activity.	
BMP-10,946	6-24-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,117 which auth. a new	DISMISSED	8-7-63
R. & F.	6-26-63	standard broadcast station) for extension of	as moot, <del>program</del> tests	
		completion date from 7-7-63 to 8-7-63.	auth. 7-25-63	



Gates BC-500T



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955 #2

Call  
Letters W A B D

J. Shelby McCallum, Gary H. Latham and E.T. Breathitt, Jr.

Name d/b as FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Fort Campbell, Kentucky 42223

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-10,213 R. & F.	7-11-63 7-14-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,117) which auth a new standard broadcast station; specify type transmitter as Collins 20T.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Pre-sunrise Operation & identification re privately owned civilian activity	8-19-64
BR-4379 R & F	4/10/67 4/12/67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	7-18-67
BP-18,108 R.&F. #406389 \$30 APR 3 1968	2-9-68 2-12-68 2-12-68	CP to inc. antenna height(add resistor)  Atty: Leo Resnick Engr: Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED Cond'l re: Before prog. test oper. may be authorized.	4-22-68
BL-12,078 R & F #445441 \$30 PT AUG 23 1968	7/15/68 7/22/68 7/22/68 7/31/68	Lic. (BP-18,108) for changes.  Engr: Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED	9-6--68



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d/b as

J. SHELBY McCALLUM, GARY H. LATHAM AND E. T. BREATHITT, JR.

Name FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4379 R & F \$593508 \$75. P.N. APR 23 1970	4-12-70 4-15-70 4-15-70 4-15-70	Renewal of License AMENDED 6-15-70 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	7-30-70
BP-19,258 Rec'd Filed \$50-078424 AC-060 PRESS: JUL 27 1972	5-24-72 5-30-72 5-30-72 5-30-72	Construction permit to increase the antenna height to 243 feet and make changes in the antenna system.	GRANTED	7-28-72
BL-13,335 R & F W 121969-\$50. PTA PRESS SEP 16 1972	10-20-72 10-25-72 10-25-72- 11-7-72	Lic.(BP-19,258) for changes. Transmitter: Collins, 20V-3. AC-067	GRANTED	11-28-72



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Name FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
FORT CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4379 R & F PN Recd. PRESS MAY 10 1973	3-28-73 3-30-73 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE AMENDED 6-18-73 re: commercial policy	GRANTED	7-31-73
BZ-9097 R & F DM PRESS Apr 13 1976	3-1-76 3-3-76 4-1-76	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	5-11-76
BR-4379 R & F P.N. Press MAY 20 1976	3-16-76 3-18-76 3-18-76	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-14-76



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J. SHELBY MCCALLUM, GARY H. LATHAM AND E.T. BREATHITT  
JR. dba FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Letters

Name

Fort Campbell, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-20,374 Rec'd Filed \$200-576789 AC-001	6-4-76 6-7-76 6-7-76	Construction permit to inc. power to 1kw  Atty- Eng. Ralph J. Bitzer	GRANTED	8-28-76
BRC-3842 Rec'd Filed	5-25-76 7-2-76 1-1-77  MAR 14 1977	Mod. of lic. to operate trans. by RC from main SL.	GRANTED	3-7-77
BL781120AG R & F PTA PRESS	11-20-78 11-27-78	Lic. to cover BP-20374 for changes	GRANTED	2-6-79



Amend Rec'd: 5-17-78 re: Engineering statement; Tabulation of Measurements



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1370khz

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Name J. SHELBY MCCALLUM, GARY H. LATHAM AND E. T. BREATHITT  
JR., bda FORT CAMPBELL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Fort Campbell, Kentucky

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR790320UE PRESS: JUN	12 1979	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	7-18-79



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

